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SUBJECT: SPHINX PROJECT/ACTIVITIES OF FORMER BALTS IN BERLIN.

1. This is the ninth of a series of reports wherein source will attempt to make a comprehensive survey of all dissident Slav elements in Berlin. The last report was BSC/Ops/009, Registry No. 1343.

2. Source reports that through contacts and acquaintances in Berlin he has found that a group of former officials of the Ministerium Ost still live in Berlin. They are former inhabitants of Estonia, Lithuania or Latvia. They are generally of a mixed stock with a mixture of German or Russian blood. Most of them are employed in various capacities by the Soviet authorities.

3. Source reports that a Dr. HUBE (fnu), a Balt and formerly a member of the Nazi Party is presently working for the U. S. controlled newspaper agency "DANA", but is at the same time in close contact with the Russians. Source was told that he often goes to Karlshorst where he gets his instructions. Through a contact who knows Dr. HUBE, source was able to determine not only that the latter is a Soviet agent, but learned of a Soviet propaganda offensive to start in the spring of 1947 with the intention of winning over the former inhabitants of the three Baltic countries who are presently found scattered over all parts of Germany. The main target of this drive will be directed to Russian speaking Balts and Baltic-Germans. Soviet officers with field grade ranks have been assigned to this project and ordered to take charge of the different sections of the propaganda machinery. Source was told that a group of Balts will leave Berlin early in 1947 and make a trip to Moscow, the Volga, Stalingrad, and the Caucasus and from each of these places the invitees will deliver radio talks which will be broadcast to Germany. Source was told that this propaganda drive will start soon on a gradual scale and the tempo will be stepped up to an all-out effort in Spring 1947.

4. Source reports that von MAI (fnu), formerly an official in the Ministerium Ost, is now in contact with the Russians.

5. Count TREUBERG (fnu), a German-Balt and founder of the "Deutsch-Russischer Kultur Bund" is in Berlin. Source reports that he is now employed as a Soviet informer on Russian emigres in Berlin.

6. Source reports that KORSUNSKIJ (fnu), one of the younger Russian emigres from the Baltic area is in Berlin. In 1945-46 he attended a Russian language school in Berlin and while there denounced several of the students to the NKVD. Later he was seen moving about among British circles in Berlin. Source suspects that KORSUNSKIJ may be a double agent with a definite pro-Soviet bias.

COMMENT:

1. Source was unable to find proof of the existence of any coherent organization which could be recognized as such among the Balts in Berlin. Source has been cautioned not to conclude that a Balt working for the Soviets is per se engaged in intelligence work. Nonetheless, any person formerly connected with the Ministerium Ost

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and now employed or even tolerated by the Soviets should be regarded as suspect.

2. Graf von TREUBERG has previously been brought to our attention by the British. A report on him will follow.

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